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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

CAO, ET AL.

S.N. 09/932,435

FILED: 17 AUGUST, 2001

FOR: USE OF XANTHAN GUM AS A
HAIR FIXATIVE

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: GOLLAMUDI

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding action dated 4 September, 2002 in the above-identified application, having a period for response set to expire 4 December, 2002, and extended three months by petition herewith to 4 March, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the following preliminary amendment and declaration under Rule 132 be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.